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In re application of: Eduardo Marban

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For: SOMATIC TRANSFER OF MODIFIED GENES TO PREDICT DRUG EFFECTS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

Applicant is in receipt of the Office Action of February 28, 2002. Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 21, lines 23-24, please amend as follows:

~~NIH~~ Genbank is also available on the internet.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (amended) A method for predicting the effect of a drug candidate compound, comprising:

modulating, by somatic gene transfer, expression of a drug target protein in host cells; wherein,

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expression of the drug target protein results in an increase or decrease in expression of the drug target protein when a candidate drug is administered to the host cells as compared to the expression in host cells to which a candidate drug is administered but in which the drug target protein has not been introduced.